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Stated Meeting, January 16.

Present, nineteen members.

Judge KANE, President, in the Chair.

Judge Kane, the newly elected President, on taking the chair, expressed his acknowledgment of the honour conferred upon him, and addressed the Society on its condition, duties, and future prospects of scientific usefulness.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Annales des Mines. V. Série. Tome IX. 2 livraison de 1856. Paris. 8vo.—*From the Engineers of l'Ecole des Mines.*

Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society in Boston, April 30, 1856,—and in Worcester Oct. 21, 1856. Boston. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Report of the Commissioner of Patents, for the year 1855. *Agriculture.* Washington, 1856. 8vo.—*From the Hon. J. R. Tyson.*

The American Journal of the Medical Sciences. No. LXV. New Series. January, 1857. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Dr. Isaac Hays, Editor.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. XV. No. 169. Jan. 1857. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*

Report on the present state of our knowledge of Linguistic Ethnology, made to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Aug. 1856. By Prof. S. S. Haldeman. Cambridge. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Annual Report of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, showing the Operations, Expenditures and Condition of the Institution to January 1, 1856: and the Proceedings of the Board up to March 22, 1856. Washington. 8vo.—*From the Institution.*

The Committee on Dr. Leidy's paper, entitled "Remarks on the Structure of the Foot of Megalonyx," made report in favour of its publication in the Transactions of the Society, which was ordered, and the committee discharged.

Mr. Justice exhibited two microscopic photographs, made by J. B. Dancer, of Manchester, England, an eminent optician, whose objectives for microscopes are said to be of superior quality. These photographs are each but one-twelfth of an inch in diameter, and represent family groups, one of three and the other of seven figures, all of which, under an objective of two inches, with a power of sixty diameters, are very sharply and beautifully defined.

Prof. Trego was re-elected Librarian.

The Standing Committees of the Society, for the ensuing year, were appointed as follows:—

Finance—Mr. Fraley, Mr. Justice, Mr. J. F. James.

Publication—Prof. Trego, Dr. Elwyn, Prof. Frazer.

Hall—Mr. Peale, Prof. Trego, Prof. Coppée.

Library—Rev. Dr. Stevens, Dr. Hays, Mr. Ord.

The list of surviving members of the Society was read: the number on the 1st of January, 1857, was 390; of whom are resident in the United States 282, and in foreign countries 108.

Mr. Fraley, on behalf of the Secretaries, informed the Society that they had agreed that Prof. Trego should continue to act as reporter of the Proceedings for the ensuing year.

The Society then proceeded to ballot for candidates for membership.

All other business having been concluded, the ballot boxes were opened by the presiding officer, and the following named gentlemen were declared to be duly elected members of the Society:—

Thomas F. Betton, M.D. of Germantown.

Theodore Cuyler, Esq., of Philadelphia.

Mr. Thomas P. James, of Philadelphia.

Nathaniel P. Shurtleff, M.D. of Boston.

Prof. Fairman Rogers, of Philadelphia.